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Ship Citizen Capt Oliver Coffin Master

Saturday December 1st 1849

Warped the Ship Citizen from Commercial Wharf up to Brant Point and went on shore wind S.W.

Sunday December 2^d 1849

Weather cold and clear, at 1 P.M. hauled the ship into the camel. middle part remains the same latter part rainy and squally winds S.E. so ends.

Monday December 3^d 1849

Commences with strong breezes from S.E. rainy and squally. middle and latter parts continues the same.

Ship laying in the off New South Wharf. Camel aground

Tuesday December 4th 1849

Commences with fine weather and light breezes from N.W. Middle part clear and light breezes latter part the same as middle. at 10 P.M. all hands were called upon to go on board but the weather not being settled it was postponed. until next day at 4 P.M. the ship was taken in tow by the Steam boat and grounded on black flat. all hands came on shore

Wednesday December 5th 1849

Commences with thick squally weather Wind S.W. Middle part weather moderate and calm at 2 P.M. was called upon to go on board and was towed out over the Bar by the 2 Steam Boats. latter part strong breezes from N.W.

Thursday December 6th 1849

Commences with strong breezes from N.W. made sail and commenced beating for Wood's Hole Middle part strong breezes. came back to the bar and anchored. wind increasing

Friday December 7th 1849

Commences with a gale of wind from N. W. laying at anchor with both anchors down heavy sea running. Middle part remain the same latter part more moderate,

Saturday December 8th 1849

Commences with strong breezes from N. W. laying at anchor Middle part rainy and cold wind hauled a little more to the Northward. latter part more moderate and light breezes took our anchors and made all sail on the ship stood to the N. E. so ended these twenty four hours.

Sunday. (Monday) December 9th 1849

Commences with light winds and calm at 10 A.M. came to an anchor of Great Point. Middle part cloudy and cold wind about North, latter part commences with fine weather. wind light.

Monday December 10th 1849

Commences with fine weather and light breezes from N. W. took our anchors and commenced beating for Woods hole. Middle part at 9 P.M. came to an anchor in Holmes hole. latter part got under way and commenced beating for Woods hole wind N. W.

Tuesday December 11th 1849

Commences with moderate breezes from N. W. at 2 P.M. we grounded going into woods hole where we laid until about 4 P.M. when we were towed off by the steam boat Massachusetts. we then put back for Holmes Hole and came to anchor about 5 P.M. so ended.

Wind N. W. with spits of snow

Wednesday December 12th 1849

Commences with strong breezes from W. N. W. with spits of snow. middle part strong breezes from N. N. W. at 12 1/2 P.M. we dropped another anchor. latter part continues strong breezes from N. N. W. employed in stowing away Engine Machinery and sea taking in water.

Ship Citizen at anchor in Holmes Hole Harbour.

Thursday December 13th 1849

Commences with strong breezes from N. E. W. employed in breaking out and stowing down Machinery Water &c. Middle part more moderate and cold. latter part employed in stowing down water, so ends these twenty four hours.

Friday December 14th 1849

Commences with strong breezes from ^{N. W.} and cold, all hands employed in breaking out and stowing down our cargo and water. Middle part more moderate and signs of snow. latter part remains the same as middle and fore part.

Saturday December 15th 1849

Commences with fine weather. wind about east, employed in getting ready for sea. our decks being cleared up and water lashed. G. Taylor one of our seamen was called aft to play the Violin for the Passengers. while they danced. The Owners had the kindness to present the crew with a Violin. Latter part a fine rain the wind south. The Captain and his lady have gone ashore and several passengers to Church.

Sunday Dec 16th laid at anchor in Holmes Hole.

~~Sunday~~ (Monday) December 17th 1849

Commences with squally weather, with copious showers of rain. the wind at south. This afternoon we fitted up a stove in the Forecastle. it was hailed with a heigh of pleasure being the first warmth of fire we have had for about a fortnight. Middle part rainy and squally. went ashore in the Boat after the passengers and got wet through. in the Evening the Boat went out to the sloop Triumph of Bantucket. latter part. wind N. E. W. at 10 A.M. we weighed anchor and stood down the South Coast at 5 P.M. Great Point faded from our view and we are finally at sea with a nine mile breeze from N. W.

All hands appeared joyful and happy as we left the shores of our native home for the purpose of seeking the hidden treasures of a distant land. so ends these twenty four hours.

Ship Citizen of Nantucket Outward Bound

Tuesday December 18th 1849

Commences with strong breezes from N. W. increasing heave of the sea running. at half past 9 P.M. furled top Gallant sail at 11 P.M. wind still increasing. double reefed Fore Main & top sail. Ship rolling so heavy that she stove her Quarter & Boat latter part more moderate Starboard Watch employed in stowing away chains. Many of our passengers & some of our crew sea sick.

Wednesday December 19th 1849

Commences with fine breezes from N. W. cloudy, still moderate at 4 P.M. set Top Gallant sail. middle part wind increasing at 11 P.M. furled Top Gallant sail. Squally and cold. wind about North. We are going about $9\frac{1}{2}$ knots course S.E. entered the northern edge of the Gulf Stream and we begin to soften the weather, the water being warmer than the air. a complete steam all over the surface of the water.

Thursday December 20th 1849

Commences with squally weather. wind hauled a little farther to the North. at 3 P.M. set Main Top Gallant sail. at 5 P.M. set the Main sail. Middle part still moderating. easterly and baffling at 4 A.M. calm at 8 A.M. moderate breezes from S.W. latter part the same. the watch are employed in putting on chafing gear. so ends.

Friday December 21st 1849

Commences with fine weather, and moderate breezes from S.W. steering S.E. we are now on the southern edge of the Gulf in warm weather and the sick passengers begin to show some signs of life except one William C. Folger has not taken any food since we came out. at 5 P.M. furled Top Gallant sail at 8 P.M. very strong breeze took in the fore & main & double reefed Main Top sail at $\frac{1}{2}$ past 11 P.M. squared the Yards steering S.E. latter part set all sail & Fore top mast Studding sail. So ends these twenty four hours
No Lat nor Long.

Ship Citizen of Nantucket Outward Bound

Saturday December 22^d 1849

Commences with a moderate gale from S.W. I think we have an uncomfortable wet ship, yet we have not given her a fair trial. at 4 P.M. hove the ship to under close reefed Main Top Sail. & Fore Top-mast Steering Sail. heading S. Middle continues the same until 11 P.M. when the wind suddenly shifted to N.W. with heavy squalls of wind & rain.

Sunday December 23^d 1849

These twenty four hours commences with good weather & fine breezes from E.S.E. at 4 P.M. steering on the wind heading S. all hands employed in ship duty. Middle part at 3 A.M. furled Top Gallant sails at 9 A.M. double reefed the top sail which seems to be our motto. at 11 A.M. hauled up the mainsail we have made about 4 degrees of Lat and 20 of longitude.

Monday December 24th 1849

Commences with squally weather, wind S. steering E.S.E. close hauled, wind increasing at 4 P.M. furled the jib. Middle part continues the same latter part more moderate. So ends these twenty four hours.

Tuesday December 25th 1849

The ship going her course on a taught bowline S.S.W. at 1 P.M. a school of Black Fish crossed our stern. Middle part more moderate, set T. Gallant sail. latter part wind S.E. furled T. Gallant sail. so ends these twenty four hours.

Wednesday December 26th 1849

The weather remains the same as yesterday. first part all hands employed in breaking out provisions latter part squalls of wind and rain. double reefed M.T. Sail. so ends these twenty four hours.

Ship Citizen outward bound

Thursday December 27th 1849

Commences with squalls of wind from S. E. ship heading E on a taught bowline. watch employed in picking over Potatoes. at 4 P.M. double reefed Fore & Main T. Sail furled Mainsail jib and Spanker. Middle part the same. latter part employed in Ships duties.

Friday December 28th 1849

Commences with fine weather. raised a school of Sperm Whales off our Weather beam. heading S. W. Our Rigging was filled with crew and passengers gazing with all the eyes in their heads at the great Leviathan. there was from 20 to 40 of them in the school. Middle part weather the same. at 6 A.M. saw a sail 2 pts off our lee bow standing the same course. Lat 40 N. Long 50 W. set the M. T. Gallant sail and Fly jib. at sun down she was hulled down astern. latter part the same.

Saturday December 29th 1849

Commences with strong breezes from S.W. steering E. S. E. on a taught bowline. the wind has been rather unfavourable the last few days as we are making more longitude than we care for. Watch employed in ripping to pieces an old M. Top sail at 3 P.M. raised a sail on our W. Beam steering 2 pts more free than us. remains the same distance off at dark. Middle part remains the same. latter part at day break saw a ship. supposed to be the same. Our watch employed in Ships duties.

Sunday December 30th 1849

Commences with fresh breeze to the Westwards. at 2 P.M. squall of wind with rain. furled T. G. sails. at 6 P.M. ship heading S. by E on a taught bowline. the same ship is off our lee beam at 7 P.M. the wind shifted to N. and we are once more going our course S. by W. at 9 P.M. set F. T. Studding sail. latter part good breeze no sail in sight. so ends these twenty four hours.

Capt Oliver C. Coffin Master

Monday December 31st 1849

Commences with fine weather for high latitudes going about eight knots. Middle and latter part remains the same

Watch employed in setting up rigging

Lat 28.35 N. No Long

Tuesday Jan^y 1st 1850

Commences with a fine breeze from N.E. steering S by W with F. T. S. sail. lower & M. T. G. S. sail. saw a sail on our S. Beam heading N.E. at 11 P.M. wind increasing took in Steering sail at 12 took in 3 T. G. Sails as I jumped on deck having been up to furl the M. T. Gallant sail. The Mate met me with well George I wish you a happy new year. I replied I thank you sir so ends these twenty four hours.

Wednesday Jan^y 2^d 1850

Commences with strong breezes from N.E. steering S by W. under whole Topsail heavy sea running. at 4 P.M. raised a sail off our off our lee beam. at 5 O'clock double reefed the topsail. Middle part squally with rain latter part more moderate. made all sail on the ship. at 11 A.M. spoke the Barque Pentucket of Boston 11 days from Porto bound to Savannah she was under all sail standing to the Westward.

Lat 30.02 N Long 37.03 W

Thursday Jan^y 3^d 1850

Commences with strong breezes from E steering S by W. under all sail. Middle part squally took in F. T. S. & M. T. G. S. Sails latter part fine weather and moderate breeze from E made sail and commenced breaking out the after hole after water and provisions. Our crew and passengers are at this time nearly over their sea sickness.

So ends these twenty four hours. We are in the

Lat of 26.51 N

Ship Citizen of Nantucket

Friday Jan^y 4th 1850

Commences with fine weather and moderate breezes from S sharp on the wind steering S W by W. employed in stowing down provision in the after hold of the ship. So ends these twenty four hours. Lat 24. 59 N.

Saturday Jan^y 5th 1850

Commences with fine weather and light breezes from S by E steering S W by W sharp on the wind. at 3 P.M. little squally the wind shifted so that we could lay our course S by W. Middle part the same. raised a sail supposed to be a Whale ship boiling about 2 1/2 off our lee bow. Latter part fine weather with a light shower of rain. two sail in sight from off deck one off our Weather and one off our Lee bow, supposed to be a Whale boiling out. Latter part saw the spouts of a whale. Lat 23. 18 N.

Sunday Jan^y 6th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breezes, standing along on the wind heading S W. The Watch employed in Ship's duty. Middle part going our course on the wind, at 11 A.M. saw two Fin Backs. Latter part calm with Thunder & Lightning with rain, its being cloudy could not get an Observation.

Monday Jan^y 7th 1850

Commences with strong breezes from E. steering S. hauled T. Sail at 4 P.M. wind increases with rain. double reefed Fore Main & Mizzen top sail. Likewise Main sail, at 5 saw two sails. Middle & latter parts the same, raised another sail. Lat 19. 48 N.

Tuesday Jan^y 8th 1850

Commences with stormy weather steering on the wind heading S W. at 1 P.M. set Main Top, Gallant Sail our single reefed Top sail. at 2 raised a sail. the watch employed in Ship's duty. Middle part the same, at 2 A.M. saw a sail off our lee beam, saw Flying Fish

Capt^t Oliver C. Coffin Master

Wednesday Jan^y 9th 1850

Commences with stormy weather heading S by W. Middle & latter parts weather more moderate, as sails are so plenty they are not worth noting -
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Late 15.37 N Long 40.27 W.

Thursday Jan^y 10th 1850

Commences with strong breezes heading S. close hauled on the wind at 3 P.M. saw a Schooner astern steering the same course as us. She soon overhauled us & passed under our lee within hailing distance she proved to be the Northern Light of 4 from Boston bound to San Francisco 27 days out. having left Boston the same day we left Nantucket. at dark she was out of sight off our Weather beam there were 12 or 14 Persons including 2 Ladies on board. we have now got the trade wind but they are pretty well to the Eastward. at 8 P.M. furled T. G. & Middle & latter parts the same Late 13.21 N

Friday Jan^y 11th 1850

The weather about the same as yesterday. Ship heading S. E. close hauled. the Watch employed in Ships duties & the Passengers are mending Quarter Boats. Middle & latter parts the same. at 10 A.M. saw a school of Black Fish Late 11.49 N

Saturday Jan^y 12th 1850

Wind & weather continues about the same, at 6 P.M. split M. I Gallant sail & unbent it. Music & dancing this evening, middle & latter parts the same

Late 10.29 N

Sunday Jan^y 13th 1850

Commences with moderate weather Ship heading S. E. on a taught bowline wind E. N. E. The watch employed in mending Mizzen Top Gallant sail. Middle & latter parts remains about the same. so ends these twenty four hours.

Late 8.43 N Long 35.33 W

Ship Citizen of Nantucket

Monday Jan^y 12th 1850

Commences with the same weather as yesterday Middle part the same. at 9 A.M. squally with rain so ends

Lat 7.21 N. Long 33.48 W

Tuesday Jan^y 13th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breezes from E. N. E. heading S. E. on a taught bowline. the watch employed in breaking out after water & provisions. the weather somewhat warmer. as we draw near the Equator. Middle part heeled & set I Gallant sails plenty of Flying Fish.

Lat 5.45 N. Long 32.25 W

Wednesday Jan^y 16th 1850

Commences with squally rainy weather Wind E. N. E. Middle & Latter part the same. Watch employed in stowing away Lumber in the hold from off of deck.

Lat 4.06 N. Long 31.40 W

Thursday Jan^y 17th 1850

Commences with light baffling winds from E. with squally weather. the watch employed in breaking out after holes. Middle part squally. Latter part calm. saw a Barque Ship bearing N. so ends

Lat 3.27 N. Long 31.14 W.

Friday Jan^y 18th 1850

Commences with light winds & calm with squally weather. at 9 P.M. had a heavy squall of wind & rain. reefed the topsail. Middle more moderate. at daylight made sail set the F. Top. made Stud Sail saw a school of Porpoises going to windward so ends.

Lat 2.10 N. Long 30.51 W.

Saturday Jan^y 19th 1850

Commences with squally weather winds light and baffling winds from E. to S. at 4 P.M. tacked Ship & stood to the N. E. at 6 P.M. tacked Ship again to the S by E. light breezes from E. S. E. Middle part the same. Latter part good weather.

Lat 1.52 N. Long 31.27 W.

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Capt Oliver C. Coffin Master

Sunday Jan^y 20th 1850

Commences with fine weather & light breezes heading S by E on a taught bowline. the watch employed in Ships duties. this Evening. Music & dancing aft. Middle & latter parts no alteration

Lat. 0. 18 N. Long 31. 50 W

Monday Jan^y 21st 1850

Commences with fine weather & light breezes from E heading S W by S. at 4 P. M. we crossed the Equator. we are all on deck dressed in thin clothing some reading some singing others in an argument and thus we drive dull care away. at Evening we set fire to a tar barrel and hove it overboard. Middle & latter part fine weather so ends.

Lat 1. 21 S.

Tuesday Jan^y 22^d 1850

Commences with fine weather and light breezes from S E. heading S S W. all hands employed in ships duty. The North Star has disappeared below the horizon. took the trade winds from S E. Flying Fish are in abundance one of which flew on board. this Evening a handsome toast was made up by the crew & presented to Mrs Crowell in return for two loaves of cake.

Lat 3. 08 S.

Wednesday Jan^y 23^d 1850

Commences with fine weather and moderate breezes from S E. heading S S W at 4 P. M. raised land off our weather bow bearing S E. an Island named Ferdinand McOnkie at 6 P. M. tacked Ship and stood to the Eastward at 9 A. M. tacked again heading S S W. a man aloft looking out for land.

Lat 4. 03 S.

Thursday Jan^y 24th 1850

Commences with fine weather and moderate breezes from S E. steering S S W. Middle part weather continues the same at 10 A. M. kept her off 2 Points in order to make the land. set the Studding Sails latter part the same Man aloft looking out for land Lat 6. 20 S.

Ship Citizen of Nantucket

Friday Jan^y 25th 1850

Commenced with fine weather and moderate breezes. at 6 P.M. hauled up sharp by the wind, heading S by E. took in Studding Sails. this afternoon saw two sail furling and set Fore & Miz S. S. Sails. latter part continued the same.

Latt 8.37 S

Saturday Jan^y 26th 1850

These twenty four hours commenced with fine weather. Stearing S by W. set the Studding Sails. at 3 P.M. saw a school of Porpoises under the bows struck one which measured 9 feet. Middle part weather the same. latter part the watch employed in making a new Fore Spencer which we finished in about 10 hours.

Latt 11.28 S.

Sunday Jan^y 27th 1850

Commenced with fine weather with a light breeze from E S E Ship heading S by W. latter part rigged an awning over the Fore castle under which we sat spun yarns. sung and co.

Latt 13.38 S.

Monday Jan^y 28th 1850

First part fine weather and moderate breeze from N E. weather hot & sultry. latter part calm the watch employed in Shi's duties. so ends these twenty four hours.

Latt. 14.54 S.

Tuesday Jan^y 29th 1850

Commenced with moderate breezes from N E Stearing S S W. Middle and latter part the same. the watch employed in breaking out provisions and stowing down lumber to clear decks and prepare for Cape Horn

Latt 16.52 S

Remarks on board

Outward Bound

Wednesday Jan^y 30th 1850

Commences with fine weather, at 1 P.M. saw a ship by the wind heading S.W. we ran down to her and backed our Main top Sail & hailed her, she proved to be the Ship Junior of New Bedford Capt. Tinkham 95 days from the Sandwich Islands homeward bound 2800 Barrels of Oil 2 years and 4 months out, he experienced a gale of wind in 50 S and lost all his Boats except one and 100 Barrels of Oil from of deck we gave them a cask of Water, some Potatoes & Tobacco, also a Bundle of letters for our friends at home, he had spoken the Ship Manchester 4 days previous Capt. Job Coleman bound to California all well on board, at 2 P.M. we braced forward and gave her three cheers, which he answered by three more in return wished each other success & stood on our course, Middle and latter parts cloudy

Lat 18.51 S Long 36. W

Thursday Jan^y 31st 1850

Commences with a good breeze from N.E. and cloudy steering S.W. middle parts strong breeze, latter parts stormy took in Main T.G. Studding sail, we have now lost the S.E. trades

No Lat.

Friday February 1st 1850

Commences with stormy weather and strong breezes from N. steering S.W. ship going 9 knots, at 5 P.M. Topmast Studding sail halyards parted took it in at 6 P.M. & furled T. Gallant sails at 8 P.M. double reefed fore & mizzen topsails, at 8 A.M. double reefed Main top sail we caught 20 Barrels of Rain Water.

Saturday February 2^d 1850

Commences with rainy squally weather, wind increases, at 5 P.M. close reefed the fore topsail and furled the Mainsail, Middle parts continues the same, latter parts more moderate shook out the reefs out of the topsails

Lat 25. 20 S.

Remarks on Board Ship Citizen of

Sunday Feb^y 3^d 1850

Commences with rainy weather and light breeze from N.E. set the studding sails. Middle & latter parts continues the same without rain.

Lat. 27.11 S.

Monday Feb^y 4th 1850

Commences with light breezes from N.E. and fine weather steering S.S.W. Middle & latter parts continues the same.

Lat 29.28 S.

Tuesday Feb^y 5th 1850

These twenty four hours commence with fine weather and moderate breezes from N.E. steering S.S.W. at 1 P.M. saw a Brigg steering as we were S.S.W. at dark she was about 15 miles astern. middle & latter parts weather continues the same.

Lat 31.39 S.

Wednesday Feb^y 6th 1850

Commences with cloudy hazy weather. the watch employed in unbending and mending the Foresail & Mizzen topsail. latter part set another fore topmast & Main top gallant studding sail

Lat 33.02 S.

Thursday Feb^y 7th 1850

Commences & continues the same as yesterday with a light breeze the watch employed in setting up. Studding sail rigging latter parts moderate so ends these twenty four hours

Lat 31.28 S.

Friday Feb^y 8th 1850

Commences with light breezes & foggy weather. at 7 P.M. we had a little fun Mesmerizing one of our crew in the Forecastle. Middle parts calm. at 11 P.M. took in Studding sail. at 1 P.M. light breeze from N.W. & cloudy.

Nantucket outward bound

Saturday Feb^y 9th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breeze from W. N. W. courses S. W. studding sails set, aloft & aloft. we are now about in the Latitude of River La Platte. at 2 P. M. raised a Barque ahead steering our course at dark found we have gained upon her. at 2 A. M. passed her. latter part moderate and baffling

Lat 35.52 S

Sunday Feb^y 10th 1850

Commences with a light breeze from W. N. W. at 1 P. M. we picked up a stoven whale Boat. Ship Jacks are plenty we also saw a large turtle asleep on the water. at 4 P. M. wind increases to a strong breeze. took in Studding sails going at the rate of 9 knots at 8 P. M. wind increasing furled top gallant sails. looks squally. with lightning thunder & raining at 10 double reefed topsails fore & aft at 1/2 past 10 Furlled the Foresail Mainsail & Gib. close reefed fore & main topsails & furled the Mizzen. wind still increasing to a perfect gale & a heavy sea running. at 2 A. M. Furlled the Fore topsail & hove the ship too. under a close reefed Main top sail & fore topmast Staysail at 3 A. M. wind shifted to the S. W. at 5 A. M. moderates a little set double reefed topsails & whole courses at 9 A. M. wore ship heading W. N. W.

Lat 36.39 S.

Monday Feb^y 11th 1850

Weather continues the same. at 3 P. M. wind increasing with a heavy sea running. hauled up the Mainsail. the water is a little Greenish by which we know we are on the edge of the Brazil Banks at 12 P. M. wore ship & stood to the S. E. at 4 A. M. wore ship again heading W. by N. latter part moderates made all sail

Remarks on Board Ship Citizen

Tuesday Feb^y 12th 1850

Commences with fine weather calm & smooth at 1 P.M. saw Albicore jumping which we took to be whales and lowered two boats after them Passengers shooting Goney and hawks. launched a skiff & Mr. Hodges got into and Paddled about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile from the ship for the purpose of shooting hawks when he saw a shark swimming around him he became somewhat frightened & put for the ship. about an hour afterwards we caught a large shark. at 10 P.M. a light breeze sprang up from N. steering S.W. set the Studding sails. latter part fresh breeze

Lat 37.31 S

Wednesday Feb^y 13th 1850

Commences with a fine breeze from N.W. hove the log & found her going 8 knots. this evening music & dancing. middle part weather the same. latter part wind heads us off a little. took in Studding sails backed the Main topsail & sounded found no bottom. weather clear and a little cool night

Lat 39.02 S

Thursday Feb^y 14th 1850

Commences with moderate breezes heading W.S.W. middle part moderate wind hauls to the South. at 4 A.M. ship heads her course on a taught bowline. latter part calm & pleasant. the watch employed in Ship's duty

Lat 39.54 S

Friday Feb^y 15th 1850

Commences with a light breeze from N.E. at 8 P.M. going about 6 knots. Middle part breeze freshening. took in Studding sails. ship steamed bad. at 11 A.M. saw a school of Killies

Lat 42.02 S

Saturday Feb^y 16th 1850

Commences with a fine breeze about W course S.W. passed a ship steering W.N.W. close hauled. at 2 P.M. saw a Right Whale at the same time struck a Porpoise. Iron drew & we lost him at 8 P.M. Thunder and lightning took in T.G. Sails middle part continues the same with light

Outward Bound

Continued

the same with light winds & variable at 7 A.M. a thick fog set
Latte Long

Sunday Feb^y 17th 1850

Commences with fine weather light winds & variable, middle
parts strong breezes from S.W. furled Top Gallant Sails, latter
parts set them again. Stearing S. close hauled, two sail in sight
ahead steaming our course & we are overhauling them fast.
we begin to think our ship is quite a good sailer caught a
Porpoise this morning

Lat. 44. 04 S Long 58. W

Monday Feb^y 18th 1850

Commences with fine weather and moderate breezes steaming S.W.
this afternoon caught a Porpoise. the two vessels we saw this morning
we have passed one about 2 P.M. and the other at 6 P.M. which
we spoke she was the Dutch Barque Estrebo of Aberdeen from
Antwerp in Holland bound to Valparaiso S. America caught a
-nother porpoise. middle parts strong breezes with a head wind
beat sea took in T.G. Sails, latter parts set them again. this morning
passed another ship which we made off our lee beam steaming our
course

Latte. 46. 54 S

Tuesday Feb^y 19th 1850

Ship going her course full & by at 4 P.M. calm at 8 P.M. a light
breeze from N.E. middle parts a good breeze furled & set T.G. Sails
latter parts the watch employed in breaking out for provisions
so ends

Latte 47. 49 S

Remarks on Board Ship Citizen

Wednesday Feb^y 20th 1850

Commences with fine weather & a strong breeze dead aft going about 8 knots speed at 1 P.M. spoke a sail ahead hove aback waiting to speak us. she was the Brigantine Crocus from Gardiner Maine 70 days out bound to San Fran.isco. we exchanged Long with one another at dark she continued side & side with us. at 10 P.M. wind hauls 2 Points off our Starboard Quarter just so that every sail draws. & we begin gradually to draw by her. middle part wind hauls to the W. and increases took in Studding sails & T.G. Sails at day break the Crocus was hull down astern at 6 A.M. wind hauls so that we can just lay our course on a taught bowline. wind increasing double reefed Mizzen Topsail. hove our log & found our speed 8 knots at 8 A.M. the Brigg was out of sight astern. latter part moderates. Shook out the reefs & set the Main Top Gallant Sail

Lat 50.13 N.

Thursday Feb^y 21st 1850

Commences with a strong breeze. The Ship going her course S by W on a taught bowline. at 4 P.M. double reefed the topsails fore & aft at 6 P.M. hauled up the Mainsail & Spanker & furl'd the jib. the wind still increasing close reefed the topsails fore & aft & furl'd the Mizzen Topsail at 7 P.M. reefed the Courses & furl'd them together with the Fore topsail. we then hove the Ship too under close reefed Main Topsail. T. Top mast Stay sail fore & main Spencer heading S.E. with starboard tacks aboard. all hands employed in lashing deck stuff. The wind blowing with great violence from S with a heavy sea. the air clear & cold. middle part continues to blow a violent gale. latter part moderates a little. at 8 A.M. wore ship heading N.W. set close reefed Mizzen topsail & reefed Foresail the watch employed in mending a rent in the Main Spencer. The Ship took in a great deal of water over her waist & quarter keeping our decks continually wet & uncomfortable.

Lat. 51.00 S Long

Of Nantucket outwards bound

Friday Feb^y 22^d 1850

The first part of these twenty four hours commences with a gale of wind from the S. we are now in the latitude of the Falkland Islands to the westward of them, at 2 P.M. set reefed Mainsail. the Gale gradually abating without doing us any damage being the first heavy Gale we have had at 5 P.M. set T. Gallant sails over single reefed topsails steering full & by heading SW by W. the Thermometer stands at 46. Middle part continues the same at daylight moderate & baffling when we made all sail. a full rigged Brigg is on our lee bow steering our course. at 5 A.M. wore ship heading heading S.E. at 8 A.M. tacked ship heading S.W. this morning raised a school of Whales, latter part moderate with light air all hands clustered round the Cabin Gangway.

Lat. 51.04 S Long.

Saturday Feb^y 23^d 1850

Commences with a light breeze heading S.E. clear & cold at 9 P.M. tacked ship in order to clear a reef of rocks. called the Eagle rocks. high winds & cloudy, furled T. Gallant sails. at 2 A.M. tacked ship heading SW by S. at 4 A.M. squared the Yards steering S.E. set fore topmast & Main T.G. Studding sail. A Sail in sight off our lee beam steering our course. having outsailed her we backed our Mizzen topsail to let her come up with us. She proved to be the Barque Don Juan off & from New Haven Conn. 100 days out bound to San Francisco. we then furled our T. Gallant Sails. this A.M. sent down Main T.G. Studding sail booms. to be in readiness for Cape Horn.

Lat 52.21 S Long 64.50 W.

Sunday Feb^y 24th 1850

Commences with a strong breeze from the N.W. & cloudy steering S. half E. at 6 P.M. wind hauls a little which knocks us off. at 9 P.M. wind increasing double reefed the topsails fore & aft. tacked ship heading S by E. at 9 P.M. goes her course heading S.E. moderates shook out the reefs & set T. Gallant sails. middle part winds hauls N. E. with a fine rain. set topmast Studding Sails. latter part blows fresh & looks like for a storm. we double reefed the topsails fore & aft & wore the ship too heading W by S.

Remarks on Board Ship Citizen

Monday Feb^y 25th 1850

Ship rolls & pitches heavily weather continues the same at 2 1/2 P.M. wore ship heading N.E. by N. at 2 A.M. wore ship heading N. with Starboard tacks aboard. at daylight saw the land bearing S.E. by S. square the Yards and run for it. all hands employed in getting up the sheet chain at 8 A.M. made the southern extremity of Terra del fuego. at 9 A.M. entered the Straits Le Maire, between Terra del fuego & Staten Land. the straits are about 20 miles across. the land on both sides very Mountainous & rugged. this Land can be seen on a clear day 60 or 70 miles. it is inhabited by a half civilized race of Indians. Ships sometimes cruise here for Whales & seals. while passing through we saw the spouts of two whales. at Noon we were through the straits & steering S.W. for Cape Horn distance 143 Miles.

Latt. Long.

Tuesday Feb^y 26th 1850

Commences with clear weather and a strong breeze from N.W. we are running down the coast of Terra Del fuego. course S.S.W. at 4 P.M. wind increasing furled T. Gallant Sails & double reefed the topsails fore & aft - at 2 A.M. furled T. G. (error) at 5 moderates made sail again at 2 A.M. set T. G. Sails. at 4 set M. T. G. Sails at 7 furled it again & single reefed the top - sails at 8 A.M. 3 Sail in sight off our lee quarter last night the wind split the Fly Jib. the Watch are employed in mending it.

Latt 55.14 S Long 66.17 W.

Wednesday Feb^y 27th 1850

Commences with a strong breeze from S.W. weather thick & squally heading S.S.E. course S.W. at 4 P.M. saw a sail homeward bound Middle part heavy squalls with rain. at 10 P.M. double reefed Fore & Mizzen topsails. at 2 A.M. close reefed the Mizzen. & Mainsail at 7 1/2 A.M. wore ship heading N.W. set whole courses heavy sea running at 9 A.M. let one reef out of the Mizzen topsail land in sight which we took to be Cape Horn. but proved to the contrary.

Latt 57.01 S Long 66.49 W

Off Cape Horn

Thursday Feb^y 28th 1850

The weather continues the same until 5 O'clock when we wear ship heading S.W. at 6 P.M. the Gale increases with rain. the foot rope of the Jib gave way & we took it in at 7 P.M. close reefed topsails fore & aft & Main Sail. heavy sea running at 8 furled the Spanker. moderates a little at 11 P.M. heading W.S.W. at 4 A.M. wind increases & hauls back to its old Quarter at 7 A.M. the Foresail started from the Bolt rope. we hauled it up & mended it

Lat 57. 41 S Long 67. 53 W.

Friday March 1st 1850

Continues the same as yesterday Theading off shore S.W. at 3 P.M. wind suddenly shifted South & we squared the Yard steering our course. W by S. with a light breeze set Top Gallant sails over single reefed topsails. we are now off the pitch of Cape Horn 10 or 12 hours good breeze & we shall double the Cape. Middle part at 11 A.M. wind S.W. steering W. & W. at 3 A.M. goes her course again. at 10 A.M. squally with snow & hail. furled Fore & Mizzen & Gallant Sails. the watch employed in breaking out for water.

Lat Long

Saturday March 2^d 1850

The Ship continues to go her course on a taught bowline W by S at 5 P.M. saw a school of Black Fish. we did not lower on a peak of a heavy sea running. weather squally & rainy we are about 80 miles W of the Diego's & fairly arround Cape Horn at 8 P.M. wind heads us off to S.W. middle part to the same latter part at 7 A.M. wind shifted to S.W. heavy squalls with rain hail heading W.S.W. furled J.B. Sails at 10 A.M. heads S by W

Lat 56. 45 S.

Ship Citizen round Cape Horn.

Sunday March 3^d 1850

Commences with cloudy weather with snow & rain heading S by W on a bow line, at 4 P.M. wore ship heading N.W. by W at 8 P.M. wind shifted S.E. with a strong breeze squared in the Yards & double reefed the Mizzen top sail, steering W by S at 10 little snow middle part continues the same. latter part at 10 A.M. set 3 Gallant sails.

Lat 56 S. Long 72.21 W.

Monday March 4th 1850

Continues the same until 4 P.M. wind heads us a little goes her course within a point at 1 A.M. still heading us tack'd ship heading S.S.W. at 4 A.M. comes up S.W. blowing fresh furled Fly & Jib latter part heading W by S furled Jib

Lat Long

Tuesday March 5th 1850

Blowing fresh from N.N.W. ship heads W by S. on a taught bow line with Starboard tacks aboard having every appearance of a Gale double reefed the topsails at 5 P.M. clove reefed the topsails reefed the courses, furled the Main Sail & hauled up the Fore sail, a heavy sea running, at 11 P.M. wore ship heading N.W. at 2 A.M. moderates set reefed courses, latter part moderates made sail gradually.

Lat Long

Wednesday March 6th 1850

Commences with calm and followed by a heavy squall at 8 P.M. wore ship heading W. Light breeze from N.N.W. at 10 breeze freshening single reefed Mizzen top sail, rain at 8 A.M. double reefed the topsails furled Jib & spanker at 10 A.M. wind shifted S.W. and we are steering our course N.W. two points free. set the Jib & Spanker

Lat Long 77.28 W

Ship Citizen bound for Valparaiso.

Thursday March 7th 1850

Commences with a strong breeze from S.W. weather squally with rain carrying a heavy press of sail & plunging Knight heads all under at 2 P.M. furled the Jib & hauled up the Mainsail at 3 set them again. Middle parts moderates at 10 set M & T Gallant sail over single reefed topsails, at 12 wind hauling to the Westward and increasing furled T & Gails, at 4 A.M. steering full & by heading N at 8 A.M. tacked ship heading S.W. wind increasing close reefed Fore & Mizzen topsails & double reefed the Main hauled up the Mainsail & reefed it. a steady fine rain

Lat Long

Friday March 8th 1850

Blowing a gale from N.W. heading S.W. at 3 P.M. wind shifted S.W. blowing fresh wore ship steering N.W. by N. let the reef out of the Mainsail the wind is fair again & continues so until 4 P.M. when it shifted back to its old quarter with a steady rain cold wet & uncomfortable, wore ship heading S.W. at 8 A.M. wind hauled again wore ship going our course on a taught bowline.

Lat 52.05 S Long 77.35 W

Saturday March 9th 1850

Continues the same blowing a gale from W S.W. rainy & heavy sea running, going our course N. N.W. at 5 P.M. gale increasing reefed & furled the Mainsail, furled the Jib as the crew had started we are now in the latitude of the W. mouth of the straits of Magellan & running down the Coast of Patagonia at 8 P.M. wind increasing to a violent Gale. close reefed the Main topsail & furled the Mizzen & courses. Ship now under close reefed Fore & Main topsail Fore topmast staysail Fore & Main spencer, at 9 P.M. moderates a little, begin to make sail on the ship gradually, at 12 the sky is clear & the stars are out. latter part all sail on the ship, topmast & lower studding sails sped about 9 knots.

Lat 49.37 S Long 78.03 W

Remarks on board Ship Citizen

Sunday March 10th 1850

Commences with fine beautiful weather & fresh breeze from S.W. the watch employed in sending up Main T.G. Studding sails & booms & unbending the old Jib & bending a new one at 6 P.M. we go our course on a taught bowline. took in studding sails. middle parts moderate & calm latter parts light breeze from S.W. set the Studding sails this morning raised land from Masthead which is the western coast of Patagonia. we also saw a whale this morning.

Latt 48. 13 S Long

Monday March 11th 1850

Commences with fine weather & a light breeze from S.W. quartering at 2 P.M. calm. this afternoon saw the wake of a Fin back whale which passed us under water within 15 feet of the ship & spouted about 50 yards off. at 6 P.M. a light breeze from N. at 8 P.M. tacked ship heading W. wind increasing with rain at 10 furled T.G. Sails & double reefed Mizzen Topsail at 2 A.M. moderates made all sail again going her course again at 10 A.M. we are 12 weeks from home & all well & smart.

Latt 47. 18 S Long

Tuesday March 12th 1850

Commences with a good breeze from W. & cloudy steering N by W Middle parts wind heads us off 2 points & breezes with a fine rain at 10 P.M. furled T.G. Sails & put the ship about heading W.S.W. at 4 A.M. wind hauls again in our favour tacked ship again and we are going our course 2 Points free. latter part continues the same. the watch employed in breaking out for water. caught a Goney measuring 9 1/2 feet from tip to tip of its wings

Latt 45. 34 S. Long

Bound down the Coast

Wednesday March 13th 1850

Continues the same at 3 P.M. wind heads us off & increases. tacked ship heading W by N. at 4 P.M. furled T.G. Sails at 5 P.M. wind increases to a moderate gale double reefed the topsails & Mainsail at 8 P.M. wind shifts to S.W. wore ship steering our course 6 points free stormy latter parts shook out reefs & set Main Top Gallant sail

Lat 44. 12 S. Long

Thursday March 14th 1850

Ship going her course on a taught bowline with a strong breeze from S.W. at 4 P.M. saw a sail off our lee beam. we ran down to her & she proved to be the Whale Ship Addison of St Bedford Capt Lawrence cruising for Whales under close reefed fore & Mizzen topsails & double reefed Main she was 18 Months out with 1800 Barrels of S. Oil with all well on board. the Captain came on board & got some Newspapers. in running down to him we swayed up our sails taught & after having spoken her we hauled by the wind and in consequence of the Fore topsail being hoisted up taught & the weather brace slack the topsail Yard broke short in the slings & tore the sail. we sent the wreck down & in the short space of 4 hours & a half amid darkness & rain with a strong breeze we had a new rough Yard & topsail in its place. Middle part the same. latter parts continues the same. the watch employed in mending the old topsail. this day passed the carcass of a dead whale. it was covered with Birds of different species. saw the land again supposed to be the Island of St Carlos.

Lat 42. 16 S Long.

Friday March 15th 1850

Commences with fair weather with now & then a light squall of rain steering N by W sharp on the wind the watch employed in Ships duty. Middle part calm until 1 A.M. when a light breeze heads us off. tacked Ship heading W. latter parts continues the same

Lat 41. 33 S Long.

Ship Citizen of Nantucket

Saturday March ~~15~~^{16th} 1850

Wind & weather continues the same as yesterday. tacked Ship heading N.E. by N. Whales in sight at 5 P.M. tacked ship heading W. by S. at 6 strong breeze furled J. Gallant sails at 7 P.M. wind increasing double reefed the topsails at 12 midnight blowing a Gale from N.N.W. furled Jib & Mainsail close reefed the topsails reefed the foresail & set it at 2 A.M. still increasing furled the fore & Mizzen topsails & hove the ship too under close reefed M. Topsails Fore topmast staysail & reefed Foresail at 6 A.M. wind shifts to the westward made sail gradually going our course two points free
Lat ~~41.00~~ S Long

Sunday March 17th 1850

Commences with fine weather & a light breeze from W. going our course N. by W. with Studding sails aloft & aloft at 4 P.M. saw a school of Black Fish at 10 P.M. ship barely goes her course close hauls took in Studding sails at 12 the wind very light at 8 A.M. tacked ship heading W. by S. at 9 A.M. tacked again heading N. N.E. the land & three sail are in sight

Lat 39.52 S Long

Monday March 18th 1850

Commences with cloudy weather & a good breeze at 2 P.M. strong breeze furled J. Gallant sails at 4 P.M. tacked ship heading W. at 7 P.M. wind shifted to W. ship going her course 1 point free. set J.G. Sails. Middle & latter part calm. sent up Main Royal Mast - plenty of Porpoises playing round

Lat 39.30 S Long 74.07 W

Tuesday March 19th 1850

First part continues calm. in the Evening Music & dancing on deck for the first time this side of the Cape. Middle & latter part calm a school of Whales are about 2 miles off our Weather beam
Lat 39.27 S Long

At Talcahuanna. South America

Wednesday March 20th 1850

Commences with a light breeze from NW heading WSW. tacked ship heading N. N. E. Middle part going our course N by W. at 6 A.M. set Studding sails. this morning land is in sight about 15 miles off which is the Island of Mocha. there is a large Fore & aft Schooner in sight steering our course at 10 A.M. a ship is in sight ahead heading in for the Island at 11 A.M. spoke her she was the Whale Ship Messenger of New Bedford Capt Andrew Arthur 38 months out 900 barrels of sperm Oil. he kept us company into Talcahuanna. Capt Arthur took a Boats crew & came on board to get the news & our Mate & part of the Starboard Watch went on board the Messenger.

Thursday March 21st 1850

First part spent in Gamming with the Messenger. at 6 P.M. quitted gamming and got a terpin from the M—. at dark we have outsailed her considerable. middle part breeze freshens & supposing her to be some distance astern shortened sail. in the morning find her to be ahead of us. wind increasing single reefed fore & mizzen topsails. the Fore topsail sheet parted. latter part all hands employed in getting up chains & bending them. the Head land of Talcahuanna is in sight.

Friday March 22^d 1850

Commences with fine weather & strong breeze from S. shook out the reefs at 2 P.M. entered the Bay of Talcahuanna. & commenced beating up to the Anchorage which is about 9 miles in company with the Messenger which is about 1 mile ahead of us. in making 3 tacks we weathered her at 5 P.M. we dropped our anchor in the harbour, about half a mile from the town. furled the sails & got snugged up by dark. 95 days from home. there are about 25 Sail here mostly Whale Ships some of which are deserted by their crews & gone to California the Custom House officer & a Boats crew from the Spartan are on board. in the morning all hands were called at daylight to take the Anchor & get her nearer in shore. we beat her up & dropped it about 2 cable length from the shore. furled the sails & sent down the Fore Top Sail Yard to be finished

Ship Citizen of Nantucket leaves Salcahuanna

Tuesday April 2^d 1850

The first part of these twenty four hours making every preparation to take our anchor & leave here in the morning. wind & weather permitting after laying here 13 days and getting Water Potatoes Onion Peas Apple Turkey Mens & pumpkins besides other things too numerous to mention. Much may be said about the place & much more about our ship company but its not my design to relate anything but what will be agreeable to all concerned. Middle part foggy weather. latter part took our anchor & commenced standing out the Bay. with a light breeze from W.

Wednesday April 3^d 1850

All hands employed in stowing our anchors at 6 P.M. we are out of the harbour middle part calm. latter part a light breeze from the N. the watch employed in stowing down chains.

Thursday April 4th 1850

Ship commences with a good breeze from N ship going W N W land is on a taught bowline middle part thick & rainy at 10 A.M. a light breeze from S. ship goes her course N W by N square the yards & set. Studding sails

Friday April 5th 1850

Wind & weather continues the same Six Back Whales are off our L. beam middle part the same latter part at 10 A.M. caught a Porpoise we are about off Juan Fernandez.

Saturday April 6th 1850

commences with cloudy weather & light baffling winds. latter part a strong breeze springs up from N. ship heading E N E. took in the Main Royal so ends the same with Turkey for dinner.

Sunday April 7th 1850

First part continues the same at 6 P.M. tacked ship heading W by S middle part rainy at 6 A.M. wind S.E. steering N W by N set Studding-sails.

Ship Citizen of Nantucket drawing down towards the line

Monday April 8th 1850

The first & middle part continues the same. latter parts moderate or quite calm. Carpententering Turning Blacksmithing Shoemaking Coppersmithing Painting &c all in operation. Our First steward & Myself are both quite sick

Latt 31.32 S Long

Tuesday April 9th 1850

Moderate & baffling at 4 P.M. a light breeze from W by N. steering N by W. middle part the same latter parts at 8 A.M. ship goes her course N by W two points free set Studding sails

Latt 30.13 S. Long

Wednesday April 10th 1850

Commences with a fresh breeze from S.E. course N.W. by N. at 2 P.M. saw a school of Sperm Whales off our Larboard Beam. Middle parts a strong breeze dead aft ship rocks heavily

Latt 28.06 S. Long

Thursday April 11th 1850

Wind & weather continues the same. The Steward is rather worse to day he seems to have been badly poisoned middle & latter part continues the same

Latt 25.55 S. Long

Friday April 12th 1850

Commences & ends the same. the watch employed in Ships duty. the Steward is somewhat better.

Latt 24.18 S. Long.

Saturday April 13th 1850

Commences with light breezes from S.E. course N.W. Middle & latter parts moderate. the trades seem to be very regular. we scarcely start tack or sheet or brace from one day to another.

Latt 23.17 S. Long.

Journal of a Voyage to California

Sunday April 14th 1850

First part very moderate. the watch employed in Ships duty
middle part calm. latter part a light breeze

Lat 23.39 S. Long

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Monday April 15th 1850

Commences with fine weather wind & course the same Middle
& latter part calm The Passengers had considerable sport with one of
their Number Mr A.C.

Lat 21.52 S. Long.

Tuesday April 16th 1850

A light breeze from E. S. E. course N. W. the watch employed
in Mending Fore Sail & Fore top Cabaret sail. Middle & latter
part quite a fresh breeze from S. E. the Steward is on duty again

Lat 20.24 S. Long

Wednesday April 17th 1850

Fresh breeze from S. E. going about one knot speed the watch em-
ployed in mending an old Fore top sail. Middle & latter part
continues the same.

Thursday April 18th 1850

These twenty four hours commences and the same the watch empl-
oyed in ships duty. dancing in the evening.

Lat 17.31 S. Long.

Friday April 19th 1850

The weather still holds the same latter part the watch employed
in turning down rigging in the Evening Music & dancing

Lat 4.30 S Long 90 W

In the Ship Citizen of Nantucket Capt^t Oliver C. Coffin Master

Sunday April 21st 1850

The wind & weather continues still the same. No sails to lose or furl no Yards to Brace everything goes along smooth & quiet. the watches are employed in tarring rigging the Passengers making Boat Spurs Wash Tubs Wheel Barrows & Co. latter part being Sunday no work going on.

Lat 12.48 S. Long.

Monday April 22^d 1850

Strong breeze from the same Quarter latter part the watch employed in tarring rigging. we have this day passed the lat of Callio Lima.

Tuesday April 23^d 1850

Wind & weather continues the same first part finished tarring rigging. Middle & latter part no alteration in the wind or weather.

Wednesday April 24th 1850

These twenty four hours first Middle & latter part continues the same S.E. trades steering N.W.

Lat 8.01 S Long

Thursday April 25th 1850

These twenty four hours commences & ends the same we altered our course to N.W. by N. we caught about 1 dozen large Skip Jacks

Friday April 26th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate trades from S.E. steering N.W. by N. Middle & latter part continues the same
Lat. Long.

Crossing of the Equinoctial line

Saturday April 27th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breezes from S.E. steering S.W. middle & latter part continues the same.

The Steward was seized up in the Rigging for insulting the captain & at 7 A.M. the crew was called aft to see him flogged, but he begged so hard the Capt. let him off & had him cut down. Name J. Canell

Sunday April 28th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate trades from S.E. middle & latter part remains the same as the first so ends, these twenty four hours.

Monday April 29th 1850

These twenty four hours commence with fine weather & moderate trades from S.E. steering S.W. by N. middle & latter part continues the same. The Passengers employed in making a Canvas Tent

Tuesday April 30th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breezes from E.S.E. steering S.W. with all sail out Passengers employed in making their Canvas Tent. Watch employed in mending their clothes and scrimchaunting. Middle & latter part continues the same. steering S.W. by N.

Lat 0. 20 S Long 104. 26 W

Wednesday May 1st 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate trades from E.S.E. steering S.W. by N. we crossed the line about 4 P.M. but did not see Neptune. Middle part fine weather with a little stronger breeze boarded the Fore Tack & hauled aft the sheet, latter part fine weather & moderate breezes.

Lat 1. 52 N Long 105. 32 W

Pacific Ocean

Thursday May 2^d 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate trades from S.E. steering N.W. by N. middle part little hazy & looks like rain & almost calm shifted our lower Studding sail.. latter part fine weather & moderate breezes from S.E.

Lat 3.30 N Long 106.43 W

Friday May 3^d 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate trades from S.E. steering N.W. by N. Passengers employed in making a skiff. Crew in mending their clothes. altered our course N. by W. Middle part calm latter part light breeze from E.S.E. braced the Yards about 45 points steering N. by W.

Lat 4.17 N Long

Saturday May 4th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breeze from S.E. steering N. by W. at 5 P.M. large heavy black clouds are hanging round ahead, at which time the wind shifted out ahead, we then took in Studding sails & braced the Yards up sharp. Middle part light rain & variable winds. latter part at 8 A.M. wind N.W. steering N.N.E. sharp hauled about 7 A.M. two of the passengers had a pull out from the ship in a little skiff Mr Long. & Hodges. at 10 A.M. wind shifted to S.W. steering N.N.W. course N. by W. set the Studding sails the Watch employed in breaking out after water & provisions. We hoisted up 5 cask of water.

Lat 5.10 N Long.

Sunday May 5th 1850

Commenced with fine weather & moderate trades from S.W. steering N. by W. at 2 P.M. wind freshens steering N.W. by N. watch employed in stowing off after hole at 5 P.M. wind hauled to S.S.W. at 7 P.M. took in Studding sails. at 2 P.M. altered our course to N.W. by N. at 7 P.M. squally & rainy wind hauled to W.S.W. Middle part squally took in Fly Jib & Miz T. Gallant sail. latter part at 7 A.M. squalls of rain wind about the same. At 8 A.M. fine weather & strong breeze set M. Royal & going along with all sail out

Lat 7.09 N Long

Ship Citizen bound to San Francisco

Monday 6th of May 1850

Commences with cloudy weather & strong breezes from S.W. with a heavy shower of Rain. Middle part wind variable from S.W. to S.W. by S. accompanied with squalls of rain steering N.W. by N. running under all sail but Fore & Mizzen & Gallant sails & Main Royal. Latter part fine weather & moderate breezes from S steering N.W. watch employed in setting up Jib & Fly Jib Gyps.

Lat. 8. 44 N Long.

Tuesday May 7th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breezes from S steering N.W. Middle part rainy & variable winds Latter part fine weather & light breezes from S. steering N.W. at 11^{1/2} A.M. Rainy
No Lat.

Wednesday May 8th 1850

Commences with fine weather & calm at 6 P.M. took in Main Royal & Studdingsails Rainy with lightning & thunder & calm heading N.W. Middle part settled Fore Topsail & hauled out reef tackles then hove her too heading S.E. calm & rainy all night. Latter part at 4 A.M. braced forward with a moderate breeze from N.N.W. heading W. tacked Ship

Lat 10.06 N Long 108.55 W.

Thursday May 9th 1850.

Commences with fine weather & light breezes from N.N.W. heading N.W. by N set the Royal at 8 P.M. wore ship heading N.E. Middle part light breeze & fine at 12 wore ship heading W. Latter part fine weather & light breezes from N.W. heading W. S.W.

No Lat.

Ship Citizen took North East trade winds

Friday May 10th 1850

Commences with Rainy weather & light breeze from N.W. heading N.W. by S. wind Variable until 4 P.M. when the N.E. trades set in when we set the Stearing sails & altered our course to N.W. at dusk raised land & 1/2 points off our lee bow. called Clipperton's low Island bearing N.W. by S. Middle part fine weather & strong trades from N.E. latter part continues the same. Watch employed in Ship's duty
Lat 11.39 N Long.

Saturday May 11th 1850

Commences with strong breeze from N. standing to the W.N.W. sharp on the wind. Middle & latter part continues the same. Passengers employed in making Hand Carts & Wheel Barrows.
Lat 12.30 N. Long

Sunday May 12th 1850

Commences with strong breezes from N. sharp on the wind heading W.N.W. Middle & latter parts strong breezes from N.N.W. heading W. & W by N.
Lat 13.00 N. Long

Monday May 13th 1850

Commences with strong breezes from N. sharp on the wind heading W.N.W. Middle part strong breezes heading N.W. & W by N & W.N.W. latter part fine weather & strong breezes from N.N.W. steering sharp on the wind heading W.N.W. Passengers employed in

Tuesday May 14th 1850

Commences with fine weather & light breezes from N heading W.N.W. Passengers employed in building a skiff for the Steam Boat. Middle part continues the same. latter part fine weather heading W.N.W. employed in unshipping & cleaning the windlass
No Observations

Remarks on board Ship Citizen of Nantucket

Wednesday May 15th 1850

Commences with cloudy weather wind S.W. ship heading W.S.W. weather fine Watch employed in shipping windlass. Middle part continues fine weather & light breezes from N.N.E. latter part fine & light breezes from S. heading W.N.W. employed in fitting a Sail Boat
Lat 15. 13 N. Long

Thursday May 16th 1850

Commences with fine weather & light breezes from S heading W.S.W. Middle part pleasant heading S. latter fine & light breezes from S. heading W.N.W. Employed in breaking out after hole after wood & water.

Lat 15. 44 N. Long 121. 00 W.

Friday May 17th 1850

Commences with fine weather & light breezes from S heading W.S.W. employed in stowing off after hole at 5 P.M. heading S.W. by W. Middle part continues fine & strong breezes from S.E. & S. heading N.N.W. N.W. & N.W. by W. employed in fitting a Sail Boat.

Lat Long

Saturday May 18th 1850

Commences with fine weather & strong breezes from S.E. heading S.W. Passengers employed in making a sail for a sail Boat. Middle part cloudy cool & strong breezes from S.E. heading S.W. by S.W. by S & S.W. latter part continues the same.

Lat. 17. 54 N. Long.

Bound to San Francisco Upper California

Sunday May 19th 1850

Commences with wind & weather the same as the day previous heading N. W. by N. N. W. & N. W. Passengers at work upon a sail boat. Crew several of them arguing Tom Paines writings against the Scriptures some in favour of his views & others opposed to his writings & reasonings. at times the arguments high & I at times was pretty closely hemmed in with Questions to answer & the cause of Christ to defend - I trusted in his promise of opening my mouth & let him fill it. - Middle part strong breezes from N. E. by N. heading N. W. the arguments continues until 10 P. M. latter part at 5 A. M. ship headed off to W. by S. at 7 came up N. W. Passengers spending the forenoon in singing hymns. - latter part continues the same with strong breezes.

Latt 18. 57. N. Long

Monday May 20th 1850.

Commences with cloudy weather & strong breezes from N. E. & N. heading N. W. by N. N. W. & N. W. by W. - Middle part continues the same, - latter part moderate breezes & fine weather from the same quarter, winds variable from N. N. W. to N. E. Ship heading from W. to N. W. Passengers employed in making a Boat Sail for Captain.

Latt 19. 37. N. Long.

Tuesday May 21st 1850

Commences with light squalls of wind from N. N. E. heading N. W. Watch employed in cleaning Captains Boat. middle part strong breezes from N. E. heading N. N. W. latter part fine weather wind N. heading N. W. by

Latt 20. 42 N. Long.

Wednesday May 22^d 1850

Commences with fine weather & strong breezes from N. N. E. heading N. W. by W. N. W. & N. W. by N. Middle part continues with strong breezes from N. E. heading N. W. by N. latter part strong breezes & head beat ma wind N. E. & N. N. E. heading N. W. N. W. by N. & N. W. by N. N. N. W. & N. N. W.

Latt 21. 52 N. Long 130. 14 W.

Remarks concerning Talcahuanna

The town of Talcahuanna on the West coast of South America
laying in the Latitude of 36.52° South & Longitude of 72.10° W
The Natives are a mixed race bordering on to the color of Negroes.
They live mostly upon fruit & are an indolent idle race of human beings
spending a large portion of their time on Horse & Back. They are excellent horse-
men. The Ladies are a social class treating Americans & Foreigners with
civility & welcoming them all into their hovels or bamboo sheds, with the roofs
covered with tiles made of burnt clay which makes them perfectly water
tight. You are welcomed by the ladies thus — *come in Americanos*
hallo California. their faces are well coloured with the juice of the grape
or Wine of which quantity they drink almost wholly. Their houses are
filled with fleas which are very troublesome to foreigners sleeping on shore.
Their principle amusement is a dance called a Fandango. take them upon
the whole they live mostly upon the earnings of sailors who are very partial to
them while they have liberty on shore. They will furnish you with lodgings
from 25 cts to one ounce per night, according to the rank with which you as-
sociate. their Religion is the Roman Catholic which allows them to spend
their Sunday afternoons & evenings in the very heights of Worldly amusements
the Men in horse racing & bull fighting & the women in drinking &
dancing swearing & co. On the left hand side fronting the town is a small
reef. on the right hand are two watering places where ships are supplied
with water. their site of dress of the Men is a Shirt pair of trousers & poncho
the women's dress are similar to the American women although they set
down hook up the back part of their dress more than one hook which is about
the waist. wearing a beautiful silk shawl over their shoulders & nothing
upon their heads. I was greatly surprised while sitting in a house eating
some Grapes to see the lady of the house who was dressed in a most beau-
tiful silk dress. which looked well enough for the highest society in Am-
erica take up in her lap. a dirty dusty dog who had been out in the
streets wallowing in the sand & dirt trying to rub the fleas off. and when
she patted him while in her lap. the dust flew so reminded me of
beating carpets that had lain 6 months for any & everybody to travel
upon. they are very sharp in trading. although they have an established
rule amongst themselves that if you buy anything of them they always
make you a present. which they call a *yappa*. their money is different
from all others composed of Gold Silver & copper being mostly Silver & cop.

in circulation. their Silver coin is neither round or square but looks like melted lead cooled about this shape ~~the~~ 12 1/2 cts they call a rial 6 1/4 cts a Medio 3 cts a Cuartel. our American Gold & silver with them underwent a heavy discount & our copper would not pass at all. back of the town are high hills covered with a thin foliage of grass & shrubbery, on which their horses & mules principally subsist. there are some fine farms away in the interior where they raise beautiful wheat & all kind of Vegetation their principal exports are Wine Copper Flour & wool. The heaviest Merchant at Talcahuana was a Mr Finch an American who traded mostly with ships touching there. in front of the landing is the custom house on the door of which is printed laws & regulations of the port. Some of the laws read thus all boats must land & leave the beach in front of the custom house. All boats must leave the beach before 10 O'clock PM or not until morning. No boats are allowed to pull about the harbour after 10 PM or come on shore. Boats & Men are liable to be searched on landing, to prevent smuggling. The following could be found in their Market in the Month of April when we put in here after Water. Meat. Fowl Turkeys Fruit - Apples Pears ~~Figs~~ Grapes Red & white. Pumpkins Onions Eggs. String Beans & dried beans, the Meat is sold by the Men & other things by the women or young Girls. some of the best looking Girls are to be found attending Market. One Evening on landing to spend a couple of hours I had not walked far before one of the damsels had me by the arm jabb-ering away Spanish which I did not understand. she walked only one square with me when her eye caught sight of one soithwholm she was better acquainted. when she let go my arm & took his & proceeded on. I felt glad to get clear of her so easy as I had no money & did not wish her company. The town of Talcahuana is subject to Earthquakes. & we had one shock while laying there which was light. almost every house is a house of ill fame, which is always open to strangers. there are no Missionarys here the Spaniards not allowing them to stop. Concepcion is a city about 9 Miles from this place & you can hire a horse & go for about \$1.50 cts several of our crew & passengers had a fine ride out there the road is plain & level nearly all the way. & formerly it used to be dangerous going out & in on a p of robbers. they have a fort and about 200 Soldiers who get 12 1/2 cts per day. while on duty. I found them a set of beggars asking for Tobacco & money to get licquor.

Remarks on board Ship Citizen 1850

Thursday May 23^d 1850

Commences with strong breezes from N.E. heading N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ N passengers employed in fitting a sail boat. - Middle part strong breezes from N.E. heading N.W. by N. Ship diving into a head beat sea latter part continues strong breezes from N.E. N.W. passengers employed in fitting a sail boat.

Latt 23.24 N Long

Friday May 24th 1850

Commences with strong breezes from N.E. heading N.W. by N employed in lashing boats &c. & getting ready for rough weather. Middle part squally & strong breezes took in Fly Jib latter part set it again ship pitching heavy into a head beat sea. heading N.W. by N. I was below with a sick headache.

Latt 25.30 N

Saturday May 25th 1850

Commences with very strong trades from N.E. - P - heading N.W. by N took in Fore & Mizzen T. Gallant sails & Fly Jib Ship labouring hard in a head beat sea Middle part continues the same set Fore & Miz T. Gallant sails & Fly Jib. heading from N.W. to N by W. latter part little more moderate. heading N.W. by N.

Latt 27.27 N Long

Sunday May 26th 1850

Commences with moderate breezes from N.E. heading N.W. middle part continues strong breezes from N.E. heading N.W. by N latter part continues the same

Latt 29.24 N Long

Monday May 27th 1850

Commences with moderate breezes from N.E. heading N.W. middle part strong breezes from N.E. heading N.W. by N & N.E. latter part continues the same

Latt 31.14 N Long

Outward Bound

28th
Tuesday May 28th 1850

Commences with light breezes from N. N. E. heading N. W. by N. Passengers employed in making fish lines. Middle & latter part continues the same.

Lat 33.27 N Long.

Wednesday May 29th 1850

Commences with strong breezes from N. E. heading N. W. middle part strong breezes heading N. by W. & N. W. by N. latter part continues the same.

Lat 35.10 N Long.

Thursday May 30th 1850

Commences with fine weather & moderate breezes from N. E. heading N. N. by N. W. & N. W. at 5 P. M. tacked ship heading E. S. E. middle part light breezes heading E. latter part squally & strong breezes heading E. by N. watch employed in turning over a sail boat on deck & stowing away lumber.

At 11 A. M. split the Fly jib we then unbent it & sent it in. the ship in the mean time pitching very heavy so much so that one could hardly hold on out there.

Lat 35.11 N Long.

Friday May 31st 1850

Commences with strong breezes from N. heading E. by N. watch employed in mending Fly jib. Ship pitching heavy Middle part strong breezes & squally heading E. & E. by N. Latter part at 5 A. M. had a heavy squall of hail & rain. settled 3 Top Gallant sails until it passed rest of latter part continues squally. Ship pitching her bows & head all under. head beat sea running bent Fly jib & furled it.

Lat 34.44 N Long 134.35 W

Ship Citizen Arrived at

Saturday June 1st 1850

Commences with very strong breezes from N. by N. E. Ship heading E. E by N. & E. N. E. heavy sea running at 3 P. M. furled Fore & Mizzen Top Gallant Sails ship pitching her bows & head all under. at 7^{1/2} P. took in Main T. Gallant sail. - Middle part strong breezes from N. by N. heading E. N. E. & N. E. by E. continues very rugged. Air very cold & raw latter very strong breezes from N. N. W. heading N. E. by E.

Lat 34. 21 N Long 132. 10 W

Sunday June 2nd 1850

Commences with very strong breezes from N. N. W. at 7^{1/2} past 12 carried away T. Gallant sail & Jack stay clear from the yard all but the lee head caving. a few minutes after carried away Jib boom & Jib Jib boom both Jibs set at the time. the weather bumpkin gave way first by which the weather Guys were made fast. just as they swung along side the Main Top Gallant & Royal mast went by the board. the Main Top Gallant sail being set. we then clewed down Main Top sail hauled up the Main sail took in Mizzen T. Gallant sail & began clearing the wreck. at 4 P. M. had the spars & sails all on deck. & rigging clear we then double reefed Fore & Main Topsails & close reefed the Mizzen topsail the sea running heavy all the time & blowing heavy. Middle part clear & blowing a gale of wind from N. N. W. heading N. E. & N. E. by E. latter part continues the same & heavy sea running

Lat 34. 52 N Long 130. 02 W

Monday June 3rd 1850

Commences with very strong breezes from N. N. W. heading N. E. by E. heavy sea running. Middle part continues the same cloudy heading N. E. & N. E. by N. ship rolling & pitching heavy. latter part continues the same employed in making Jib Boom & fitting rigging very heavy sea running.

Lat 35. 26 N. Long 127. 56 W

San Francisco, Upper California

Tuesday June 4th 1850

Commences with very strong breezes from N.W. heading A.E. employed in making Gib Boom & fitting rigging latter part very strong breezes from N.W. heading A.E. & N.E. by N. latter part strong breezes from N.W. heading N.N.E.

Lat 32° 13' N Long 126° 07' W

Wednesday June 5th 1850

These twenty four hours commence with very strong breezes from N.W. heading A.E. & A.E. by N. & N.W. employed in sending out a new Gib Boom. the wind blowing a gale from A.E. all hands got soaking wet at 6 1/2 P.M. we had a Gib set Middle part continues very strong breezes from N.W. heading A.A.E. ship rolling heavily latter part more moderate employed in making Main T.V. Mast.

Lat 32° 58' N Long 125° 06' W

Thursday June 6th 1850

Commences with more moderate breezes from N.W. heading N.N.E. employed in bending G. T. Gallant Sail shook out the reefs & set the Miz T. Gallant sail. Middle part light breezes from N.W. heading N.N.E. at 11 P.M. wore ship heading W.S.W. at 1 1/2 A.M. wore ship heading N.N.E. at 2 A.M. tacked ship heading W.S.W. at 3 A.M. wore ship heading again heading N.N.E. at 4 1/2 A.M. saw a large Steamer bound into San Francisco at 10 1/2 P.M. raised the sandy cliffs of California latter part light breezes from N.W. at 7 1/2 A.M. tacked ship heading N.N.E. at 12 A.M. took the Sun. & found the Ship to be 10 miles south from San Francisco harbour.

Lat 37° 39' N Long 122.

Friday June 7th 1850

Commences with moderate weather & light wind spoke the Schz Mary & Emma from San Francisco outwards bound this Schz left San Francisco two weeks before us. at 5 P.M. we dropped Anchor in San Francisco Harbour 172 days from home.

General Remarks while in Upper California

The latter part of the 7th of June 1850 I stepped on shore at San Francisco for the first time, but did not have much time to look round. I received a letter from ^{home} stating that they had just heard the news of my brother William's death, who died January 1850

" 1 "

Dear comrade once again I write a line or two to you
To let you know how I do like the Ocean ocean blue
I was in the Whale Ship Citizen I left my native shore
In hopes to get some Gold dust called the Yellow golden ore

" 2 "

Our Captain he's a Gentleman of talents very fine
He treats us all like children he is so very kind
We all do speak well of him & due respect do show
And thus we while away the time as onward we did go
A ploughing of the Ocean which bears us from the shore
And wafts us to the land filled with the Golden ore.

" 3 "

Much may be said about our Mate but I shall say no more
But that we love him dearly while with us sailing o'er
His voice it sounds so calmly as it strikes upon our ear
It drives away all sorrow & fills us with good cheer
And thus we while dull care away as we go sailing o'er
The deep & mighty ocean that beats upon our shore.

" 4 "

Our second Mate that's next to him Mr. Barrett is his name
A fine young gallant fellow as ever crossed the main
He knows his place & duty and treats us all like men
Which proves to us he loves us and that to sea he's been
We all do wish him fine good health as we go sailing o'er
In the fine nice Ship Citizen bound to California's sea

5

Our crew are few in number but sailors nearly all
They work upon our topsail Yards with ease in every squall.
They know their place and duty and are Seamen every inch
And in times of fear and danger they are never known to flinch
We live together Brothers like as we go sailing over
The deep & mighty waters they hope to cross no more.

6

One word about our Passengers before I say much more.
They are all good honest Gentlemen as ever lived on shore.
With one fine Lady passenger whose name you all well know.
That's left her friends & relatives over the boundless sea to go.
Our passengers they help us pull as they go sailing over
In the awful wet Ship Citizen bound to California's shore.

7

Salt junk makes up our dinner four times a week or more.
And Salt fish comes on Saturday with Potatoes very poor.
With Apple Duff & lasses & soft tack very nice.
With butter now & then between & puddings very nice.
And thus we live on board our Ship as we go sailing over
To the distant land of lally that's filled with shining ore.

8

The scene of Parting ended the tear dropped away
Our Anchors were well weighed, while in Holmes Hole we lay.
Our larvass spread unto the breeze, which bore us fast away
Which separated Men & Wives from many a long long day.
The seventeenth of December we left our Native shore,
In the lumbered up Ship Citizen bound to California shore.

" 9 "

At 6 P.M. Great point its bore as near as it could lay.
West by South or thereabouts on this sad mournful day
Our Main Yard then we hauled aback for him who could not stay
To land our Pilot well equipped with the latest news of day.
Our crew called aft our watches set while we went sailing over.
To the far famed Gold & Silver land called California shore.

" 10 "

Our Hands before the Mast my boys were but Eleven all
Though ten of them had been to sea & weathered many a squall.
Yet with this little company we part of Sailors all
To ship on board the Citizen to sail half round the Ball.
Thus while we lived together we did go sailing over.
For five & twenty cents a month to California's shore.

" 28 "

Our Topsail Yards were settled down and on our caps did lie.
The squall it came a hissing & safely parted us by.
Again our topsails we did set, our course did onward steer.
Which gave great satisfaction & did away all fear.
Again our course do steer as we go sailing over.
In the Whale Ship Citizen bound to California shore.

" 11 "

Our hands before the Mast my boys were but eleven all
Though ten of them had been to sea & weathered many a squall
Yet with this little company we part of Sailors all
Did ship on board the Citizen to steer, to reef, & haul.
And thus we worked together as we went sailing over
For five & twenty cents a Month to California shore.

As from the coast we sailed away all happy seemed to be
None wished themselves a back again as all were bound to see
Our ship before the wind she flew, nine knots it was her speed
The wind it blew in breezes strong which made her for to reel
And thus our hearts are full of glee as we go sailing o'er
The broad Atlantic watery waste, to California's shore.

The wind it blew tremendous strong our topsails we took in
Our ship she rolled so heavily our quarter boats stove in
Two men it took to steer her she griped so very hard
But our rigging was both good & strong & it was all well tarred
Thus through the deep blue boundless sea she did go rolling o'er
To the distant land of lally filled with the Glittering ore

But when we were one week from home our ship we then hove too
Under close reefed Main topsail fore topmast staysail too
We rode the gale out nobly there while we were laying by
On the deep & broad Atlantic with a black & cloudy sky
And as we lay there all that day the sea it breaking o'er
Brought to our minds those dismal times that we had seen before

The wind it coming fair again our topsails we did lower
Well sheeted home & hoisted up we all found them much use
Before the wind we then did steer our Studding sails we set
The water came a rooling in for she was very wet.

With a fair wind once more again, as we go sailing o'er
To the distant land of lally filled with the Golden ore

" 16 "

"When eight days out or thereabouts" some Blackfish we did see
They crossed our Wake from windward & spouted off our lee
And so we left them far behind as we went passing by
Without disturbing their sweet peace, the reason I'll tell why
To lallys golden shore we're bound as we go sailing oer
No time to stop for Blackfish or spoutings found off shore.

" 17 "

"Was Friday night the twenty eighth a school of Whales we saw
Our rigging was well filled with men as by them we did draw.
Was there she blows & there flukes goes as they went passing by
And thus we left them far behind in 40 pretty nigh.
So sperm whales we did see my boys as we went sailing oer
The mighty broad Atlantic to California's shore.

" 18 "

At six pm we raised a sail, two points off our lee bow
Sperm whales we saw were far behind as we had passed them now
And as the sound of there she blows was dead^{en}ed to our ears
The sail we saw cheered up our thoughts & drove away all tears.
Thus you can see we're not alone as we go sailing oer.
To the distant land of lally filled with the glittering oer

" 19 "

The wind was fair the sky was clear our watch was set on deck
Arround the windlass there we sate, hearing a long yarn about a wreck
A cloud there was to windward seen, which drowned all our cheer
And soon the heavens which then were clear were covered ^{- of tears} by one sheet
It proved a squally night to us as we went sailing oer
To the glittering banks of lally filled with the shining oer

20

Though dark & stormy unto us this night I well may say,
Was spent by many a one on shore, in dancing swift away
While others wore upon their knees pouring out thanks to him
Who had preserved their lives from death & pardoned all their sins.
This night was new years night my boys, as we went sailing oer
And met with squalls of wind & rain on our way to lally's Shore.

21

Aloft I had to go my boys myself & one man more
To furl our Main Top Gallant sail while on me the rain did pour
When I arrived on deck again to me the Mate drew near.
To me aloud well George he cried I wish you a happy new year.
And thus you see one wished me well as I went sailing oer
In a Whale Ship from Nantucket bound to California's shore.

22

The second day of January a sail we did descry
About five miles to windward as far as we could spy
He was bound hard down upon us when our Main Yard we hauled
And there we laid a robbing upon our Starboard tack.
And once again to change the scene, as we went sailing oer
We spoke the Barque Patucket bound unto Georgia's shore.

23

Eleven days from Porto he had been a town somewhere in Spain
His Longitude to us he gave but ours it proved the same
Report us when we ^{you} arrive our Captain he did say
And sharp again we braced her up & left him on his way
And as from him we drawed away soon him to see no more
We fancied he would soon arrive to our distant happy shore.

" 24 "

As to the line we did draw near the winds did lighter blow
Two Whale Boats were well fitted up to lower for Blackfish. &
Two lines were run and both well coiled in whalmen style so neat
Tarpaulins made to cover them well fitted & complete.
And thus two boats we ready got as we went sailing oer
To take some blackfish from the deep on our way to Ellys shore.

" 25 "

'Twas Friday noon about 2 North the wind began to blow
We had all sail upon our ship as we did onward go
The Heavens were dark all clouded oer & filled with lightning wild
When fore we thought the squall, so nigh it struck, the water boiled.
Our captain cried stand ^{by} there boys as we went sailing oer
But not a rope did we then slack as our ship bent trembling oer

26

No sail or spar did we then lose nor yet a rope yarn part.
Although for one full half an hour it blowed out pretty smart.
When all at once the wind it lulled the rain came pouring down
And rensed us to our very skins & smoothed the sea right down.
Our ship she righted up again as we went sailing oer
The broad & Mighty ocean that bounds New England's shore

" 27 "

Then for one hour the wind was gone our sails did flap & slat
In to the mast & out again which hove her all aback
Away to windward far we saw, the lightning's vivid flash
When our light sails we then took in & waited for a crash
Soon, soon, the squall came gathering up, as we were floating oer
But lighter than the first my boys, & fainter did it roar.

The twentieth day of January the weather being fine
We all received due notice that we were near the line.

Although it was a Sunday, and no work was then done
Yet many looked for Neptune, and feared that he might come.
Five weeks from home the line we crossed as we went sailing oer
In the Crank & wet ship Citizen, bound to California's shore.

" 30 "

At 6 O'clock at night my boys the wind blowed pretty strong
Which proved to be the reason that Neptune did not come
We crossed the line in safety a singing Temperance songs.
And thus escaped old Neptune & all his merry throng.
Now to the line my boys we are as we go sailing oer
The broad extended ocean, to California's shore.

" 31 "

The next day after crossing as the Evening shades drew near
From aft the Steward came, with cake & water clear.
A token from Mrs Crowell that fine & pleasant dame.
Who with us left her relatives to plough the raging main.
So to her health we drank a toast as we went sailing oer
In Charles & Henry's whale ship, bound to California's shore.

" 32 "

Our toast was written off my boys, and unto her livas sent
We wishing her prosperity, all oer the world she went.
And a plenty of the riches of California's shore
That she had ventured out to get upon a distant shore
So you can see we wished her well as we went sailing oer
In the Gallant whale ship Citizen from old New England

" 33 "

The thirtieth day of January the weather being fine
We spoke a Blubber Hunter, to pass away the time
Who from the Sandwich Islands came & being homeward bound
Did lack a little water the old Horn, to get round.
Some news we sent to friends away, in letters near a score
That they might know how we all did on our way to Lally's Shore

" 34 "

As February came rooling in to help the Year along
It blowed in squalls of wind with rain upon our merry throng
Our Studdingsails they being set our Haliards it did part
We took in sail without delay, securing all things fast
And thus to changes we are doomed as we go sailing oer
Expecting soon to see the worst this side of Lally's Shore,

" 35 "

Now February the second month, the clouds with blackness ^{bent}
Although our Ship was good & strong, the storm on her was sent
While hard & loud & ~~loud~~ the winds did blow, & the billows loud did run
Our Ship we then did heave her too, along ways from the shore
On the Eighth day of the Month, my boys as we went sailing oer
A violent gale of wind we had which some men saw before.

" 36 "

On the twelfth of the Month, a large shark our men caught
Who made sport for all hands while in the water he fought.
On deck they then hauled him and cut out his jaw
His carcass throwed over for his comrades to gnaw
The wind had ceased blowing, the waves ceased to roar.
All happy on board, bound to Lally's Gold Shore.

" 37 " 3

Again to our living I would draw your minds off
By this time our Potatoes were rotten and soft,
In the room of Potatoes and Fish so complete
Our Mess it was Dandy Punk served up so neat,
And on this we subsisted as we went sailing oer
In our faithful smart ship to a far distant shore.

" 38 " 3

Our waste time was spent with music & dancing
While our Ship reeled & pitched like a wild horse a prancing
To the loud shrill triangle and the sound of the fiddle,
Put new life in all hands and made us feel nimble.
While on the great waters we skipped & danced oer
All filled with bright hopes of lally's Gold shore.

" 39 " 3

On the sixteenth saw whales & had thunder & lightning
Which to some it gave fears & stopped all their dancing
While to others brought scenes through which they had passed
Expecting a brush, or perhaps losing a mast
And so unexpected are the scenes we pass oer
While onward we sail to fair lally's Gold shore.

" 40 " 3

On the twentieth we spoke the Brigg Crocus from Maine
Who to lally was bound in hopes to get gain
Out to sea she had been seventy days & no more
While our time from our homes it was just sixty four
And thus we did find as we went sailing oer
We were not all alone bound to lally's Gold shore

" 41 "

Again to our sorrow, & gloom not a few,
A Gale we experinced, and hove our ship too,
It blowed most tremendous and high the seaman
But our ship like a Gull on the Ocean she swam,
And thus we experinced as we go sailing oer
Some Storms, & some calms on our way to that shore.

" 42 "

The next thing worth noticing I would have you just know
Was two, sail in sight, and some whales which did blow.
One of them we spoke, and from New Haven came
A ship which was Barque rigged, Don Juan her name
For a few hours together we went sailing oer
The broad mighty Ocean to lally's Gold shore.

" 43 "

Our ship was now ready as you ought to know
As we were in high latitudes where the winds blow.
Our Boats well secured and our deck load lashed too
Our sails which were bent were all nearly new.
And thus we secured things as we went sailing oer
The mighty Atlantic to lally's Gold shore.

" 44 "

While sailing along with the wind strong and fair
When to our supprise some began to despair
This sign it did tell us that something was new
For the Fog it was thick and we hove our ship too.
And then I heard grumbl'ng as we went, sailing oer
On account of detention on our way to that shore.

45

The very next day about nine in the morn

The fog its cleared off and drove away scorn

Our feelings were changed when our eyes they did see
The land plain in sight, about ten miles off our lee,

We made sail on our ship as we went sailing oer
In the good stanch ship citizen bound to lally's Gold shore,

46

The land that we raised was both rugged & bold

The air its was chilly but not very cold

All hands gazing eager but all they did ~~see~~ spy
Was the snow capped Mountains, & two whales blowing nigh,

The straits of La' Maire we then did sail oer
Which laid in our tract to lally's Gold shore,

47

Terra del fuego far behind & staten land likewise

We now & then to change the scene were fed on salt junk pies

The wind its whistled round our mast & split our Fly its too

Lay out unbend it was the word, and we soon did make its new

And thus as we went sailing oer and heard the wind's loud bellowing roar

Reminds us what we'd seen before of lase Horns cold & blustering shore

48

Was February the twentieth six, three sail in sight we raised

Which told us we were not alone upon those Mountain waves

A Home bound ship we did descry while cruising oer those seas

And land in sight if I am right the distance of three leagues.

We round the Horn had passed along, as we went sailing oer

In the cold & wet ship citizen bound to California's shore.

The land that we raised was both rugged and bold
 The air it was chilly but not very cold

All hands gazing eager but all they did spy
 Was the Snow capped mountains & two whales blowing nigh
 The straits of La Maire we then did sail oer

Which laid in our tract to Lally's gold shore.
 With Terra del Fuego far behind and Staten land likewise
 We now & then to change the scene were fed on Salt Junk piez
 The wind it whistled round our mast & split our rig too
 Lay out unbend it was the word & soon we made it new
 And thus as we went sailing oer & passing by ^{old} Patter's shore
 Reminds us what we'd seen before off Cape Horn's cold & blustering ^{shore}
 'Twas Feby the 20 three sail ⁴⁹ in sight we raised

Which told us we were not alone upon those Mountain waves
 A home bound ship we did descry while cruising oer those seas.
 And land in sight if I am right the distance of 3 leagues.
 We round the Horn had passed along as we went sailing oer
 In the cold & wet ship Citizen bound to California shore
 And now the winds of March do blow with squalls of ^{and snow} rain
 A school of Black Fish we saw too known by their spout & by their ^{blow}
 We carried sail & loud it blew she plunged her ^{from her} ^{vices} ^{head} ^{up}
 But land & Whales again we saw which gave bright hopes to all oer
 The land bore off our weather Bow as we went sailing oer
 The cold & stormy ice bound land off Patagonia's shore.

" 49 "

And now the winds of March do blow, with squalls of wind & hail & snow
A school of Black Fish we saw too, known by their spout & by their blow
The carried sail while loud it blew she plunged her mighty head ^{dived} from our
out land & whales again we saw which gave bright hopes to all our crew
The land bore off our Weather beam as we went sailing o'er
The cold & stormy ice bound coast of Patagonia's shore

" 50 "

An accident occurred to us as we were running down
To speak the Whaler Addison who after Whales were bound
We carried away our Topsail Yard our Ship in luffing too
Which made some work for all our men of our bold merry crew
But in four hours or thereabouts as we went sailing o'er
Another Yard we had aloft on our way to Lally's shore,

" 51 "

Eighteen Months out was that old Ship with Eighteen hundred Sperm
His Ship & cargo I'm informed to New Bedford did belong.
His topsails they were double reefed as he went cruising o'er
In hopes to get some more Sperm Oil for the season was near o'er
And when we left him on our way as we went sailing o'er
A Whale we raised although 'twas dead off Chili's stormy shore

" 52 "

Again the weather looking bad the winds they high did blow
Our topsails we did all close reef as onward we did go
The wind increasing very much although 'twas nothing new
We then took in our fore & Mizzen & hove our ship right too,
The next day brought a shift of wind as we went sailing o'er
And to our disappointment calms, which stopped us still much more

While we were laying there becalmed again some whales were seen.
We took no notice more of them than if they had not been.
We were not rigged for whaling no try pots then had we.
For we were bound to California the Gold dust port to see
And there we laid a rooling as we had been before.
While we were on our passage to California's shore.

The twentieth day of march my boys we raised the land again
Which put new life in all our crew & raised a welcome strain.
This land it was old Mocha's Isle three leagues off from the
Where sealers often do resort their precious skins to gain.
As Mocha we did raise my boys as we went sailing over
A Fore & After we did see about fifteen miles off shore

We also spoke a whale ship the Messenger was her name
Who Eight & thirty months was out and from New Bedford came
Captain Arthur he commanded her & had nine hundred sperm
His ship belonged in Bedford but I don't know to what firm.
From him some sweet potatoes bought as we went sailing over
The large & wide Pacific to Talcahuanna's shore

The next day after speaking him the Spanish Main we
Our topsails they were all close reefed & well our sails did dra
The wind it came in breezes strong our topsail sheet gave
All hands on deck they were employed in bending chains ^{gave}
And swiftly onward we do go as we go sailing over
In hopes our anchor to let go on (California's) shore,
Talcahuanna's

" 57 "

Now Talcahuanna Bay my boys is nine or ten miles long
which we had to beat our ship although the tide ran strong
stand by for stays our captain cried as each man took his post
and then for four long hours or more I'll give you off the coast.
The art of tacking ship my boys as we went sailing over
beating up this Harbour to Talcahuanna's shore

" 58 "

se down your helm & let her luff our captain he did cry
and too she swung & up she come, right in the strong winds eye
off there forward then he cried cluegannets now stand by
in tacks & sheets Main topsail haul, almost in one breath nigh
head Yards then we hauled around as we went sailing over
up they luffed her to the breeze very near the spanish shore.

" 59 "

and every time we went about this work it must be done
some times work, to some times play, and others only fun
thus we spent our time on board for four long hours or more
Anchor we did then let go in fathoms about four
now at Anchor safely ride as we've stoped sailing over
~~Moments flew like lightning bye upon that spanish shore.~~

" 60 "

The twenty second of March my boys our Anchor we let go
about half a mile from the town of Talcahuanna oh
and now our Voyage was well half up as we did think so then
although we were all wise on board we were but only men
and now in Talcahuanna's town as we went cruising over
the Moments flew like lightning bye upon that spanish shore
Last line of 59th verse
sails we then did snugly furl & then we went on shore

On landing from our Ship my boys up Jib boom streets you stear
 The Devils pockets on your right & lape Horn mind keep clear
 While onward if you do but go, and to your left look round
 Some pretty Girls may there be seen upon the Market ground
 The girls we saw, their fruit we bought as we went cruseing oer
 In the town of Talcahuanna upon the Spanish shore.

Some of our crew did take a ride out to Conception near
 And others for to change the scene did oer those high hills stear
 For thirteen days or thereabouts we did at anchor lay
 When to our joy the sound we heard we'll go to sea to day
 Again my boys we are on our way as we go sailing oer
 In the same old ship Citizen on our way to Calli's shore.

Through storms & squalls & calms & gales we did to have pass through
 Our time it did go heavily while on those waters blue
 We passed some Whales and saw some Sails while we were on our way
 Until the second day of June when our spars we carried away
 It caused us no delay my boys as we went sailing oer
 Our topsails we did reef then on our way to Calli's shore

The spars we then did carry away I now will let you know
 First was our Jib boom near the cap as she went plunging through
 And while at that we stood & gazed & thought the rest all fast
 Our Main Top Gallant mast snapped, & cracked & took the Royal mast
 Again for all hands we found work as we went sailing oer
 In clearing our Ship of broken spars on our way to Calli's shore.

" 65 "

It was June the seventh at five P M our Anchor we let go
In the deep & broad extended bay of San Francisco
And now our Voyage is at an end our luck we'll try on shore
We'll work like dogs from Morn till night in hopes to get some ore
And if our homes again we see we'll go to sea no more
In Pursuit of Golden treasures found on California's shore

Composed & written by George P Starbuck on board
Ship Citizen of Nantucket & presented to Mr
George B Worthy
one of his Ship Mates
at the time

" 65 "

The land that we raised was both rigged and bold
The air it was chilly but not very cold

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My Journal written in Poetry

Dear comrade once again I write, a line, or two, to you,
To let you know how I do like, the Ocean, ocean blue;
I was in the Whale Ship Citizen, I left my native shore,
In hopes to get some Gold Dust, called the yellow golden ore.

2

Our Captain he's a Gentleman, of talents very fine,
He treats us all like Children, he is so very kind;
We all do speak well of him, and due respect do show,
And thus we while away the time, as onward we do go.
A ploughing of the ocean, which bears us from the shore
And wafts us to the land, filled with the golden ore.

3

Much may be said about our Mate, but I shall say no more
But that we love him dearly, while with us sailing oer;
His voice it sounds so calmly, as it strikes upon our ear.
It drives away all sorrow, and fills us with good cheer.
And thus we while dull care away, as we go sailing oer
The deep and mighty Ocean, that beats upon our shore.

4

Our second Mate that's next to him, Mr Barret is his name
A fine young gallant fellow, as ever crossed the main,
He knows his place and duty, and treats us all like men,
Which proves to us he loves us, and that to sea he's been.
We all do wish him fine good health, as we go sailing oer
In the fine new Ship Citizen, bound to California's shore.

5

Our crew are few in number, but Sailors nearly all;
They work upon our topsail Yards, with ease in every squall.
They know their place and duty, and are seamen every inch,
And in times of fear, and danger, are never known to flinch;
We live together, brothers like, as we go sailing oer
The deep, and mighty waters, we hope to cross no more.

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One word about our Passengers, before I say much more.
 They are all good honest Gentlemen, as ever lived on shore:
 With one fine lady passenger, whose name you all well know,
 That's left her friends, & relatives, over the boundless sea to go.
 Our Passengers, they help us pull, as they go sailing oer,
 In the awful wet, Ship Citizen, bound to California's shore,

Salt Junk makes up our dinner, four times a week or more.
 And salt-fish comes on Saturday, with Potatoes very poor.
 With Apple duff, and lasses, and soft tack, very nice,
 With Butter, now & then, between, and puddings, made of rice.
 And thus we live, onboard our ship, as we go sailing oer
 To the distant land of dally, that's filled with shining ore,

The scene of parting ended, the tear drop wiped away,
 Our Anchors were well weighed, while in Holmes Hole we lay;
 Our Canvass spread unto the breeze, which bears us fast away,
 Which separated Men from Wives for many a long, long day.
 The seventeenth of December, we left our native shore,
 In the (lumbered) up Ship Citizen, bound to California's shore.

At 6 P.M., Great Point its bore, as near, as it could lay,
 West by South, or thereabouts, on this, sad, mournful day.
 Our Main Yard then we hauled aback, for him who could not stay.
 To land our Pilot, well equipped, with the latest news of day,
 Our Crew called aft, our watches set, as we, went sailing oer;
 To the far famed Gold, & Silver land, called California's shore.

Our hands before the mast my boys, were but Eleven all.
 Though, ten of them, had been to sea, & weathered many a squall,
 Yet, with this little Company, we, parts of Sailors all,
 Did ship on board the Citizen, to reef, to steer & haul.
 And thus we worked together, as we went sailing oer,
 For five, & twenty cents a Month, to California's shore.

As from the Coast we sailed away all happy seemed to be
 None wished themselves a back again as all were bound to sea
 Our Ship before the wind my boys nine knots it was her speed
 The wind it blew in breezes strong which made her for to reel.
 And thus our hearts all filled with glee as we went sailing over
 The Broad Atlantic's watery waste to California's Shore.

12.

When three days out or thereabouts the Gulf Stream we passed through
 Which caused a different state of things to many of our crew.
 The Motion of our noble Ship as she did pitch & mount
 Did quite cause a number of our crew to cast up their accounts.
 And thus they settled up their bills as they went sailing over
 In Mepz Coffins Whale Ship which left Nantucket Shores.

13.

The wind it blew tremendous strong our Topsails we took in
 Our Ship she rooled so heavily our Quarter Boats stove in
 Two Men it took to steer her she gripped so very hard
 But she found she could not master them, although she tried to hard.
 Thus through the deep blue boundless sea, she did go rooling over
 To the distant lands of lally filled with the Glittering ore.

14.

But when we were one week from home our Ship we then have too
 Under close reefed Main topsail. Fore topmast Staysail too.
 We rode the Gale out nobly there while we were laying by
 On the deep & broad Atlantic with a black & cloudy sky.
 And as we lay there all that day the sea it breaking over
 Brought to our minds those dismal times that we had seen before.

15.

The wind it coming fair again our topsails we did lose
 Well shuttled home & hoisted up we all found them much use
 Before the wind we then did steer ~~round~~ ^{Our} ~~round~~ ding sails we set.
 The water came a rooling in for she was very wet
 And once again, with a fair wind we do go sailing over
 To the distant land of lally filled with the Golden ore.

One word about our crew again as we are well off shore.
 One of them was a Green hand from Michigans rich shore
 To sea he never yet had been although one thing I'm sure
 Could do his parts at Fiddling & loudly make it roar.
 And thus we had some dancing as we went sailing oer
 All filled with Golden Visions about California's shores.

17.

When Eight days out or thereabouts some Black Fish we did see
 They crossed our wake from windward & spouted off our lee
 And so we left them far behind as they went passing bye
 Without disturbing their sweet peace the reason I'll tell why.
 To lally's golden shore we're bound as we go sailing oer
 No time to stop for Black Fish or spoutings found off shore.

18

Twaz Friday night the twenty eight a school of whales we saw
 Our rigging was well filled with men as by them we did draw
 Twaz there she blows, & there Clukes goes as they went passing bye
 And thus we left them far behind in forty pretty nigh
 To Sperm Whales we did see my boys as we went sailing oer
 The mighty broad Atlantic to California's shore.

19

At Six P.M. we raised a sail, two points off our lee bow
 Sperm Whales we saw were far behind as we had passed them now
 And as the sound of there she blows, was deadened to our ears
 The sail we saw cheered up our thoughts like music in our ears.
 Thus you can see we're not alone as we go sailing oer
 To the distant land of lally filled with the Glittering ore

20.

The wind was fair the sky was clear, our watch was set on deck
 Around the windlass as we sat, hearing a story about a wreck
 A cloud there was to windward seen which drowned all our cheer
 And soon the heavens from being clear were covered by one sheet of tears.
 It proved a squally night to us as we went sailing oer
 To the Glittering banks of lally filled with Rocks of Golden ore.

Though dark & stormy unto us this night I well may say
 'Twas spent by many a one on shore in dancing swift away
 While others were upon their knees pouring out thanks to him
 Who had preserved their lives from death & pardoned all their sin
 This night was New Years night my boys, as we went sailing o'er
 And met with squalls of winds & rain on our way to Lally's shore,

Aloft I had to go my boys, myself & one man more
 To furl our Main Top Gallant sail, while on me the rain did pour,
 When I arrived on deck again, to me the Mate drew near.
 To me aloud well George he cried I wish you a happy new Year
 And thus you see one wished me well as I went sailing o'er
 In a Merchant ship from Nantucket bound to Lally Golden Shore

The second day of January a sail we did descri
 About five miles to windward as far as we could spy
 He was bound hard down upon us when our Main Yard we haul'd ^{back}
 And there we laid a rooling upon our larboard tack
 And once again to change the scene as we went sailing o'er
 We spoke the Barque Pawtucket bound unto Georgia's shore.

Eleven days from Porto he had been a town somewhere in Spain
 His Longitude he gave to us but ours it proved the same
 Reports us when you do arrive & our Captain he did say
 And sharp again we braced her up & left him on his way
 And as from him we drew away soon him to see no more
 We fancied he would soon arrive to our distant happy shore

As to the line we did draw near, the winds did lighter blow
 Two Whale Boats were well fitted up to lower for Blackfish Oh
 Two lines were run & both well coiled in Whalers style as neat
 Tarpaulins made to cover them well fitted and complete
 And thus two boats we ready got as we went sailing o'er
 To take some Black Fish from the deep on our way to Lally's shore

26.

It was Friday noon about two North the wind began to blow
 We had all sail upon our Ship as we did onward go
 The Heavens were dark all clouded over & filled with lightning wild
 When before we thought the squall so nigh, it struck, the water boiled,
 Our Captain cried stand by their boys as we went sailing over
 But not a rope did we then slack as our Ship bent trembling over

27

No sail or spar did we then lose nor yet a rope yarn part
 Although for one full half an hour it blowed out pretty smart
 When all at once the wind it lulled the rain came pouring down
 And rained us to our very skins & smothered the sea right down
 Our Ship she righted up again as we went sailing over
 The broad & mighty Ocean that boundz New England's shore

28

Then for one hour the wind was gone our Sails did flap & slatt
 In to the mast & out again which hove her all aback
 A way to windward far we saw the Lightning's vivid flash
 When our light sails we then took in & waited for the crash
 Soon soon the squall came gathering up as we were floating over
 But lighter than the first my boys & fainter did it roar

29

Our topsail yards were settled and on our caps did lie
 The squall it came a hissing and safely passed us by
 Again our topsails we did set our course did onwards steer
 Which gave great satisfaction & did allay all fears
 And now again our course do steer as we go sailing over
 In the Whale Ship Citizen bound to California's shore

30

The twentieth day of January the weather being fine
 We all received due notice that we were near the line
 Although it was a Sunday & no work was then done
 Yet many looked for Neptune & feared that he might come
 Five weeks from home the line we crossed as we went sailing over
 In the crank & wet Ship Citizen bound to California's shore

.31.

At Six O'clock at night my boys the wind blowed pretty strong
Which proved to be the reason that Neptune did not come
We crossed the line in safety singing Temperance Songs
And thus escaped old Neptune and all his merry throng
Now to the line my boys we are as we go sailing o'er
The broad extended ocean to California's Shore

.32.

The next day after crossing from off the Steward came
With cake & water clear from that fine pleasant dame
Who with us left relatives, to plough the raging main
In the good new Ship Citizen some Gold Dust to obtain
So to her health we drank a toast as we went sailing o'er
In Charles & Henry's Whale Ship bound to California's Shore

.33.

Our toast was written off my boys & unto her I was sent
We wishing her prosperity all o'er the World she went
And a plenty of the Riches of California shore
What she had ventured out to get far from her native shore
So you can see we wished her well as we went sailing o'er
In the Gallant Whale Ship Citizen bound after Yellow Golden ore

.34.

The thirtieth day of January the weather being fine
We spoke a Blubber Hunter to pass away the time
Who from the Sandwich Island's came & being homeward bound
Did lack a little water.

Some news we sent to friends away in letters near a score
That they might know how we all did on our way to Lally's Shore

.35.

As February came rooling in to help the Gas along
It blowed in squalls of wind with rain upon our Merry throng
Our Studding sails they being set our haliards it did part
We took in sail without delay securing all things fast.
And thus to changes we are doomed as we go sailing o'er
Expecting soon to see the worst this side of Lally's Shore.

It was February the second month, the clouds with blackness bent
 Although our ship was good & strong the storm on her was sent.
 While hard & loud the wind did blow & the billows loud did roar
 Our ship we then did heave her too along ways from the shore
 On the Eighth day of the Month my boys, as we went sailing over
 A violent gale of wind we had which some near saw before

On the twelfth of the month a large shark our men caught
 Who made sport for all hands, while in the water he fought
 On deck they then hauled him & caught out his jaw
 His carcass throwed over for his comrades to gnaw?
 The wind had ceased blowing the waves ceased to roar
 All happy on board bound to Lally's Gold Shore.

Again to our living I would draw your minds off.
 By this time our potatoes were rotten & soft
 In the room of Potatoes & Fish is complete
 Our Mess it was Dandy Punk served up so neat
 And on this we subsisted as we went sailing over
 In our faithful smart ship after bright Yellow Ore.

Our waste time was spent with Music & dancing
 While our ship reeled & pitched like a Wild horse prancing
 To the loud shrill triangle and the sound of the fiddle
 Put new life in all hands and made all feel nimble
 While on the great waters we shipped and danced over
 All filled with bright hopes of Lally's Gold Shore.

On the Sixteenth saw Whales & had thunder & lightning
 Which to some it gave fears & stopped all their dancing
 While to others brought scenes through which they had passed
 Expecting a crush or perhaps losing a mast.
 And so unexpected are the scenes we pass over
 While onward we sail to fair Lally's gold shore.

. 41 .

On the twentieth we spoke the Brigg. Cecily from Main
Who to dally was bound in hopes to get gain
Out to sea she had been seventy days & no more
While our time from our homes it was just sixty four
And thus we did find as we went sailing oer
We were not all alone bound to lally's gold shore.

. 42 .

Again to our sorrow and gloom note a few.
A gale we experinced and hove our ship too.
It blowed most tremendous and high the sea ran
But our ship like a gull on the Ocean she swam.
And thus we experinced as we go sailing oer
Some storms & some calms on our way to that shore.

. 43 .

The next thing worth noticing I would have you just know
Was two sails in sight & some Whales which did blow.
Our Boats well secured and our deck loads lashed too.
Our sails which were bent were all nearly new.
And thus we secured things as we went sailing oer
The mighty Atlantic to lally's gold shore

. 44 .

While sailing along with the wind strong and fair
When to our surprise some began to despair
This sign it did tell us that something was new
For the Fogg it was thick and we hove our ship too,
And thus we had grumbling as we went sailing oer
On account of detention on our way to that shore.

. 45 .

The very next day about nine in the morn
The fogg it cleared off and drove away scorn
Our feelings were changed when our eyes they did see
The land plain in sight about 10 miles off our lee
We made sail on our ship as we went sailing oer
In the good staunch ship Citizen bound to lally's gold shore.

The land that we raised was both rugged and bold
The air it was chilly but not very cold
All hands gazing eager



